

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| January | Student Exchange Acceptance Letters Sent |
| January 28 | Deadline to submit artwork for Young Artist Competition |
| January 23 | 2015 JASK Shinnenkai |
| February 5 | Commerce Lexington Annual Dinner |
| February 6 | Sister Cities Art Reception – Central Bank Galleries |
| February 6-27 | Sister Cities High School Art Exhibit – Central Bank Galleries |
| March 2 & 5 | Student Video Conference – Deauville / SCAPA |
| March 14 | St. Patrick’s Day Parade & Festival – Downtown |
| March 25-30 | Shinhidaka students and city officials visit Lexington |
| March 30-April 3 | Fayette County Spring Break |
| April 3-24 | Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing |
| April 23-26 | Rolex Three-Day Event – Kentucky Horse Park |
| March TBD | Sister Cities Commission Meeting |
| May 9-10 | Mayfest – Gratz Park |
| June 1 | Third Annual Sister Cities Golf Scramble |
| June-August | Sister Cities Student Exchange Programs |
| July 4 | Fourth of July Festival – Downtown |
| July 14 | Bastille Day |
| July 16-18 | Sister Cities International Annual Conference – Minneapolis, MN |
| August TBD | Picnic with the Pops |
| September | Applications for Student/Teacher Exchange Programs sent to schools |
| September TBD | JASK Cherry Blossom Festival |
| September TBD | Sister Cities Tour to England |
| September TBD | “Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day Celebration” – O’Neill’s Irish Pub |
| October TBD | Kentucky League of Cities Annual Convention |
| October TBD | Kentucky Sister Cities Annual Meeting |
| October 2-24 | Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing |
| November | Applications due for Student/Teacher Exchange Programs |
| November TBD | Sister Cities Commission Meeting |
| Nov/Dec | Interviews for Student Exchanges |

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY – UNIVERSITY OF CAEN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Angela Mischke, from the University of Kentucky, received the spring 2015 scholarship to the University of Caen. Angela is from Crittenden, KY and is majoring in French with a minor in Linguistics.

Two students from Deauville are studying at the University of Kentucky as part of the UK/Caen Program. Lena Touchard and Valentine Boyer will study for one year in Lexington.

This scholarship is available to undergraduate and graduate students who have taken at least three years of college-level French.

SCAPA DEAUVILLE STUDENT VIDEO CONFERENCE

In February, 2014, two 5th grade classes from SCAPA in Lexington and two 4th and 5th grade classes from Ecole Fracasse in Deauville were able to interact through a video conference to learn more about daily activities and hobbies of an American and French student. Mr. Lindsey and Ms. Klein’s classes were led by Lexington French teacher Bonnie Bachmeyer, and the Deauville class was led by English teacher Ivan Rouault. The students prepared introductions, asked questions about their likes, interests and hobbies in Deauville and Lexington, and sang songs together.



UPDATE

Lexington Sister Cities Commission

DELEGATION FROM COUNTY KILDARE VISITS LEXINGTON FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

A delegation from County Kildare, Ireland - led by Mayor Fiona O’Loughlin - visited Lexington in October 2014 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the twinning between Lexington and County Kildare. The delegation visited Castleton Lyons Farm, Kentucky Horse Park, Keeneland, Carter Caves, and Alltech. During a LFUCG Council Meeting, a permanent display case was unveiled by Mayor Jim Gray and Vice Mayor Linda Gorton to commemorate the 30 anniversary.

Traveling separate from the delegation were 4 officials from Maynooth University in County Kildare. The group met with officials from the University of Kentucky to discuss future programs and exchanges.

An official dinner was hosted by Mayor Jim Gray to celebrate all the friendships and future opportunities with the Sister City relationship between Lexington and County Kildare.



DELEGATION OF 39 VISITS FRANCE & ITALY IN SEPTEMBER

A 39-member delegation from Lexington traveled to France and Italy in September to visit Lexington’s Sister City Deauville, France. During the visit to France, the group attended the 2014 Alltech World Equestrian Games which were being hosted in Normandy. They were able to see the Vaulting Event held in Caen and the Polo Matches held in Deauville.

The group also visited Rouen, the WWII Normandy Beaches and American Cemetery, attended a movie screening at the American Film Festival, and spent time in Paris. During their stay in Deauville, several dinners and receptions were held to welcome the group and enhance the relationships made through the Sister City program.

From France, the group traveled to Milan, Italy for a 4-day tour of Northern Italy.

26TH ANNUAL SISTER CITIES YOUNG ARTISTS CONTEST

In January, Lexington Sister Cities participated in the 26th year of the Sister Cities International Young Artist Competition. A reception, sponsored by Central Bank, was held for the first, second and third place winners along with their art teachers to announce the winner. This year’s contest included 19 entries from 4 schools. William Eucker from Lafayette was awarded first place for his piece based on the theme “Connect Globally. Thrive Locally.” Kaleb King from Lafayette was awarded second place, and Duha Jassin from Henry Clay received third place. The first place winner received \$250, second place received \$150 and third place was awarded \$100. All entries to the contest were displayed from January 18th through February 8th at the Central Bank Gallery. William Eucker’s artwork was entered into the Sister Cities International Competition. His artwork was displayed at the 2014 international conference in San Jose, CA. The International competition was open to high school students in all US Sister Cities and their Sister City affiliates throughout the world.



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27TH ANNUAL SISTER CITIES MILLION DOLLAR HOLE IN ONE



The 2014 finalists for the Sister Cities Million Dollar Hole in One were: Scott Clark, Richard Moloney, Robert Atwell, Troy Carman, Donnie Bishop, Greg Turcotte and Harold Carter from Lexington; George Hunter from Louisville; Larry Moreland from Versailles; John Justice from Georgetown; and Matthew Martin from Mount Sterling. The contestant’s first shot was for the \$1,000,000, while both the first and second shot counted for prizes. While no one won the One Million Dollars, first place for the prizes went to Troy Carman, who won \$1,000 cash, Over Night Stay and Breakfast at the Hilton Lexington/ Downtown, a new golf bag donated by Toyota, and hat and golf towel donated by Golf Exchange. Second place went to Greg Turcotte, third to Scott Clark, and fourth to Matthew Martin. The money raised from this annual fundraiser provides scholarships and grants for students and teachers to participate in exchange programs, and provides support for activities and programs with Lexington’s four sister cities.

A special thank you to all the sponsors who made the contest a success:

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ANNUAL HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK’S DAY FUNDRAISER



The 12th Annual Edward T. Houlihan Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser was held on October 8th at O’Neill’s Irish Pub. Guest bartenders participated and entertainment was provided by Liam’s Fancy Irish music, Bagpiper Keith Murphy, and the McTeggart Irish dancers. Guests also enjoyed lamb stew and brown bread prepared by guest chef and chairman of the County Kildare Committee Mary Parlanti. In addition to door prizes and raffle, guests were able to participate in a silent auction.

At this year’s event, the guests included 12 delegates from County Kildare, Ireland, who were in Lexington to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between the Lexington and County Kildare.

Proceeds from this event went to the Sister Cities Youth Scholarship Fund.

SECOND ANNUAL SISTER CITIES GOLF SCRAMBLE

On May 20th, Lexington Sister Cities held the 2nd Annual Sister Cities Golf Scramble at Connemara Golf Course. The event was a great success in its second year, expanding the number of teams and sponsors, as well as having nice weather to complete the round. Sponsors included: WKYT, Comfort & Process Solutions, S&S Tire, Central Bank, Kentucky Utilities, Lexington Convention & Visitors Bureau, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, Helen & Frank Hamilton, Golf Exchange, Southeast Mailing and Printing, and Skaggs & Powell, LLC. Seventeen teams participated in the event. Kentucky Utilities claimed the 1st place prize of an overnight stay and round of golf at French Lick Resort. Comfort & Processing Solutions came in 2nd and claimed 4 rounds of golf at Connemara. Golf Exchange claimed their 3rd place prize (in a scorecard playoff) of the Kentucky Utilities box at a Lexington Legends game. The 3rd Annual Sister Cities Golf Scramble will be held June 1st at Connemara Golf Course.



UK TEACHING PROGRAM

Sarah Kinnicutt from Western Kentucky University and Ali Young from the University of Kentucky were awarded the 2014-2015 teaching assistantship positions in Deauville. Sarah is a French major with an ESL Teaching minor from Lexington, KY. Sarah also participated in the Lexington-Deauville Student Exchange Program while in high school. Ali is a French major from Nicholasville, KY.



LEXINGTON – DEAUVILLE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Fifteen students from Lexington visited Deauville, France in June for the Lexington – Deauville High School Student Exchange Program. The students stayed with host families for three weeks. Fifteen French students returned to Lexington in July to stay with host families for a three week period. Participating in the exchange from Lexington were: Erin Disponett, Kara Bethel, Madison Kelley, Olivia Steddom, Olja Busbaher, Courtney Fields, Velvet Marsh, Tynesea Watts and Madison Jones from Lafayette; Caroline Reynoso and Meredith Aker from Lexington Catholic; Lori Nsimpasi from Bates Creek; Emily Salamanca from Henry Clay; and Alissa Miller and Mitsuho Iida from Dunbar. The Lexington Students enjoyed seeing many sights in France, including a trip to the American Cemetery in Normandy, Mont St. Michel, and a visit to Paris. In Lexington, students visited the Kentucky Horse Park, Memorial Coliseum, met Mayor Jim Gray and participated in many other activities as a group as well as with their host families. The program is designed to provide students an opportunity to live in France to improve their French speaking skills while experiencing the culture, as well as provide the opportunity for French students to come to Lexington.

COUNTY KILDARE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Ten students from Lexington visited County Kildare in July for a ten day stay. Students participating in the exchange were: Catherine Hale from Henry Clay; Lauren Smith, Molly O’Mera, and Amelia Spanier from Lexington Catholic; Ryan Pohl from George Rogers Clark; Jarrod Vanover and Amber Colley from Bates Creek; John Newton and Stephanie Ramsey from Sayre; and Annaliese McFarlane from Lafayette. Mike Seiler, retired math teacher from Henry Clay and ambassador of the Lexington Sister Cities Program, accompanied the students to County Kildare. During their stay in Ireland, students were able to visit Dublin, see many Irish castles, attend a rugby game, and participate in other activities. They were also able to experience every day Irish culture and life. Ten students from County Kildare, as well as Kildare Civil Defense officer Trish McNeela, returned to Lexington to stay with host families. While in Lexington, some of the activities included visiting the Kentucky Horse Park, WKYT TV Station, Memorial Coliseum and meeting Lexington Mayor Jim Gray.

SHINHIDAKA YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In March, ten students and three chaperones from Shinhidaka visited Lexington on a five day stay. The group toured the Kentucky Horse Park, McConnell Springs, the State Capitol, the Lexington Library, Fire Department, Memorial Coliseum and met Lexington Mayor Jim Gray. Additionally, the students and chaperones toured the Locust Trace AgriScience School in Lexington to begin discussions about an exchange program with students from the AgriScience School in Shinhidaka. In June, ten students from Lexington visited Shinhidaka, located on the island of Hokkaido in Japan. Participating students included: Avery Gray and Marissa Jones from Henry Clay; Drew Howard, John Harrison, and Lily Iler from Lexington Catholic; Zane Barnett from Lafayette; Cullen McLamb and Karina Pezzi from Sayre; David Ehlert from Dunbar; and Brannen Carter from Bates Creek. Kathleen Magsam, a veterinary sciences teacher at Locust Trace AgriScience School, accompanied the students on their trip. The group stayed with host families and visited a horse farm, the Shizunai Agricultural High School, the Ainu Museum, and many other sites around Shinhidaka.



LEXINGTON - CALVADOS INTERN PROGRAM

Three University students from France and four University students from Lexington participated in the 2014 Lexington – Calvados internship program. The French students and their work places were: Anastasia Dekeyser at the University of Kentucky International Center Marketing Office; Flora Vanneste at Bluegrass Baking Company; and Carole Jouet at the Transylvania University Accounting Office.

Lexington students, all from Transylvania University, conducted their internships at several different sites in the Normandy Region. Aimee Ashcraft, a French language and Literature double major who also participated in the program last year, interned at a Paleospace Museum. French, Math and Economics triple major Chase Coleman worked at an animation museum. Marina Morgan used her French and Spanish double major to work in the Tourism Office in Falaise. Raisa Tikhtman, a biochemistry and French double major, interned at the Falaise hospital.

